MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN: *(a)* A statement* containing the information is laid on the table.

(b) The Sugar Controller.

(c) Conduct, business capacity and the financial position of the applicant.

Quilon Bar Association.

156. *MR. K. A. MOHAMED *(Quilon* cum *Kottarakara)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received any representation from the Quilon Bar Association to give them two rooms attached to the Association Room; and

(b) what action the Government have taken in the matter?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI *(Advocate-General)*: *(a)* Yes.

(b) The matter is under the consideration of the Government.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: May I know when Government will come to some decision in the matter?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: The Government have already come to a decision and a place which was handed over to the High Court for that purpose is at present being used as an emergency measure for the purpose of storing food grains. As soon as that place is got back it will be immediately handed over to the High Court and those rooms can be utilised for the Bar Association.

Recovery of rented houses and business premises.

157. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN *(Kunnatnad* cum *Parur)*: Will the Government be pleased to state the number of suits filed during 1118, 1119, 1120 and 1121 in the Parur Munsiff's Court for the recovery of rented houses and business premises?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table.

Statement showing the suits in the Munsiff's Court, Parur for recovery of rented houses and business premises.

Nature of suits.	1118	1119	1120	1121
Suits for recovery of rented houses ...	2	9	2	7
Suits for recovery of business premises ...	...	...	...	...

*Vide Appendix I.

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MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: In view of the fact that the number of suits have been increasing, will the honourable member enquire into the necessity of extending the control order?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: The statement shows that the number of cases is not on the increase, because the figures are 9 in 1119, 2 in 1120 and 1 in 1121. That does not show any increase.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Karthigapalli*): Sir, the figure for 1121 is 7 and not 1 as stated by honourable member. Then is it not an increase?

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: I am sorry. But from 9 in a particular year the figure has fallen at least to 2 in the subsequent year, which is a definite decrease.

Food Grains.

158. ❊ MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI (*Thovala* cum *Agastiswaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of food grains available in the State at present;

(b) the period for which it will last;

(c) their methods to deal with the food shortage; and

(d) when they expect the food shortage to be made good and how;

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government and Director of Food Supplies*): *(a)* 26,166 tons of food grains on 14-7-1946.

(b) About three weeks.

(c) Procurement from outside and inside the State, intensification of the "Grow More Food" Campaign, continuance of rationing, and enforcement of austerity measures in consumption.

(d) The present indications are that the food situation may improve towards the latter half of 1947.

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Are the Government aware that rain water is not being conserved properly in South Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: How does that question arise out of the present question?

MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: Water is needed for irrigation purposes and for the grow more food campaign; hence the question.

PRESIDENT: That question does not arise.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Are not the Government utilising the services of the army and reserve police for meeting the food shortage?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): May I know the main activities of the grow more food campaign?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: That has been very clearly stated by the President in his address at the joint session. It consists of improvement in irrigation, distribution of seeds, manure and implements and various other kinds of work.

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